

Sacramental Timetable

Sunday Masses:	Saturday 6.00m, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am
Weekdays:	Mon - Fri 9.15am & Sat 9 am. First Friday 1 ST May Mass at 11.30am, Adoration Noon – 9 pm.
Rosary:	Monday – Friday after 9.15am Mass
Reconciliation:	Saturdays after 9.00am Mass & 10.45–11.30am, & after weekday Masses.

Sunday School

Acts 2:42 - "They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers". The early church communities obeyed Jesus' command to 'break bread' in his name. Likewise, we gather each Sunday for Mass, to share in the Eucharist and to pray, listen and give thanks together as a community.

Rosters for Saturday, 2nd and Sunday 3rd May, 2015

Prayers of the Faithful Ministers of the Sick	Mary Bhagyam Peter Fung, Margaret Stephens, Brian Rycroft & Kath Chosich		
Counters Church Flowers Morning Tea after Mass	Betty Robinson, Di & Joe Greene Nat Lim Winnie Gatab		
	Saturday 6.00 pm	Sunday 8.30 am	Sunday 10.30 am
Sacristan	Peter Fung	Paul McCulloch	Robert Vecchio
Setting Up For Mass	Domingo family	Jon & Veronica Chavarria	Guerra Family
Welcomers	Dassanaik Family	De Roza Family	Maurice & Gloria Bautista
Commentator	Andy Lim	David Whalan	Maria Vecchio
Reader	Melissa Tan	Jack Krohn	Eve Trpak
Lay Ministers	Peter Fung, Brian Rycroft, Basil Chitty & John Carter	Chris Smith, Betty Robinson, Pat Foo & Tony Hough	Patricia Costanzo, Ann Neville, Brian Worcester, Jacqui Fernandez & Eve Trpak
Altar Servers	Olivia Ely & Claudia Costanzo	Leroy O'Brien, Adrian O'Brien & Dane Saldanha	Stephanie & Melissa Vecchio, Carla Costanzo, Maneth Nagodavithana & Chenella Ariyaratnam
Music	Pol Arboleda's Group	William Ryoo	Trinity

The Pilgrim Statue 25th April – 1st May	Sam & Natalia & family receive Mary into their homes. May is the month of Mary, a time to pray the rosary for peace.
St Christopher's Syndal Community Helpers	For confidential care & support in emergencies & times of need. ☎ Cath 9803 7302, or Pauline 9802 9743
Telephone Prayer Chain	Available 24 hours a day. All requests & enquiries confidential. Flo ☎9803 1717, Nicole/Peter ☎ 9802 9321, Marilyn ☎ 9887 9139
Financial last week	Thanksgiving offering: \$ 838.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 101.60 Total: \$ 939.60 First Collection: \$ 634 50 (upkeep of presbytery) Monthly Debits: \$5,870.60

RECENT DEATH: We pray for Carmel O'Shannassey, Aunt of Clare Gill, Martha De Souza, mother of Nicole De Souza & Marie Whitburn who died on 22nd April at Waverley Valley.

ANNIVERSARIES: We remember Annie Barry, Gwen Hough, Iris Hall, Mary Biglan, Patrizia Santoro, Candido Buena, Silvio Filipelli, Vicky Toh, Ern Smith, Fred Turner, Vin Burton, Winifred Lappin, Garry Dowd, Helen Wee, Bill Roberts, Emmie Hevern, Veronica Sime, Eileen Welsh, Bertha Jentzema, Sylvia Heffey, Teresa Montebello, Budiman Wirawan & Leo Mahoney.



IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

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School Secretary:
Jenny Bamber

Parish Council Chair:
Kenneth Dassanaik

**Parish Council
Secretary:**
Bryan Drake

READINGS THIS WEEK:

4th Easter Sunday
1st: Acts 4:8-12, 17-19
Resp Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9,
21-23, 26, 28-29
2nd: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

4th Easter Sunday
26th April 2015

Website: www.syndalcatholic.org.au

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Today is vocation Sunday. The wandering figure of the Good Shepherd, anxiously tending his sheep to the point where he is willing to surrender his life for them, is the image Jesus uses about himself in today's Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Easter. That mixture of tenderness and toughness, care and self-sacrifice, is one that summarises his own practice of leadership, a leadership of physical involvement and self-sacrificial love.

The Good Shepherd has "come to seek out and save the lost". Probably all of us know two or three people who have wandered away from the Church, who have lost their sense of belonging, who feel they have no community to belong to. How will they know they are welcome back if no one tells them? How will they be helped back if no one offers to make the journey with them? Our "Refresh" Weekend was an invitation to all in the Parish to meet Christ, the Good Shepherd.



ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON:

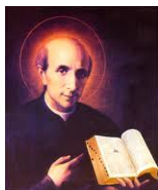
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia!

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

5th Easter Sunday
1st: Acts 9:26-31
Resp Psalm: Ps 21: 26-28,
30-32
2nd: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

WORD FROM ST VINCENT -

Vincent hoped to hasten the moment desired by all good Christians and predicted by Jesus Christ when there will be One Fold and One Shepherd. This moment will be prepared in silence and through apostolic action, financial help and prayer.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Book of Revelation: Bible Study

10 sessions will continue on Mon. 28th Apr 7.30-9pm & Tue 29th Apr 10-11.30 am.

Welcome to Fr. Ralph Besterwitch SAC to our parish of St Christopher's. Fr. Ralph is a very gifted Pallotine who will arrive from Bangalore, India on 4th May.

Mary, Queen of Apostles Charismatic Prayer Group; Wed 29th Apr 8pm in the Cenacle. All are welcome.

Anointing Masses The next Anointing Mass will be Wed 13th May at 11.30am followed by a meal in the Cenacle. If you need transport, contact Lorraine Baker ☎ 9802 3183

Adoration & Meditation

Adoration & Meditation - Tues 2.30pm - "PEACE - Not as the World gives" by Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB

Adoration & Divine Mercy - Wed 2.30pm



Adoration Vigil:

Friday, 1st May Mass at 11.30am
Adoration Noon - 9pm

At A Glance: ☞

- Playgroup Mon & Fri at 9 - 11am
- Finance & Admin Committee Meeting On Thu 14th May 8.00p in the Presbytery.
- Mother's Day Classic - Sun 10th May. Run in Support of breast cancer research
- Mothers' Prayers Tues 28th April 2pm in the Presbytery.
- Project Compassion boxes or envelopes needs to be collected & sent to the Cathedral.

Pro-Life Group

Fr. Pat invites parishioners who would like to form a Pro-life group. Please contact him on ☎ 98028538. The push for abortion & euthanasia is relentless. As people who reverence life at every stage of life, we need to get together to voice our concerns.



Notices

- Fr. Pat SAC will be at the UAC Congress on May 1st - 3rd & invites all to come with him, even if only on Sat to listen to Fr. Derry Murphy SAC from Ireland & Fr. Bob McGuire who is known for his work with street kids.
- St Teresa of Avila- Contemplative in Action: Lecture by Professor Bernard McGinn - Wed 29th April 7.00-9.00pm Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne.
- Mother's Day for the school, Fri 8th May, 9.15am. Parish Celebration of Mothers' Day on 9th May.
- SAC Reflection Day, Tues 5th May 11.30am - 3.30pm.
- Parish Pastoral Council meets Tues 5th May, 7.45pm
- Christian Unity Celebration Sun 17th May at 10.30am. Also presentation of First Eucharist candidates
- Avila Alumni Celebration Mass on Sun 17th May 2pm.
- Men Alive - Frank Peh Group - Fri 15th May 7.30pm.
- 55+ Group - Shared Dinner, 20th May at 7pm at Cenacle. ☎ Di & Joe Greene on 9802 0443 or 040 0993 158 by 27/5. Bring something to share and dress in your Footy Team's color or Aussie color.

Pallottine Family & Union of the Catholic Apostolate AUSTRALIAN CONGRESS 2015

"UAC Under The Southern Cross: Responding to the Signs of our Times"

May 1st to 3rd @ Pallotti College, Millgrove

If you can't come to the whole congress, perhaps you can come on just the Saturday?

On Saturday May 1st, hear both speakers, Fr. Bob Maguire and Fr. Derry Murphy SAC! Then dinner, followed by a prayer / sing-along session with Fr Pat. All welcome.

Judge Christie Weeramantry will launch the 3rd Volume of his Memoirs On Wed, 29th April 6.00pm at Monash University Law Chambers, 555 Lonsdale St Melbourne.

Women's Retreat Weekend

Blessings:

How we can recognize our own blessings and then bless the life in others?

We will be using the image of soil and stories from the book "My Grandfather's Blessings" by Rachel Remen & spend some time with our own stories too!

Fri May 29th, 8pm - Sun May 31st, 3pm.

Pallotti College, Millgrove. Cost: \$190 - includes 3 meals Saturday and 2 meals Sunday and accommodation in a private room with shared bathroom. Contact Lorraine on ☎ 0402 217 123 or lorraine613@bigpond.com



Encounter with Infinite Love

Who is God for you?

Monday April 27th, 7.30pm - Wednesday April 29th, 4pm. Pallotti College, Millgrove.

Facilitators: Fr Derry Murphy SAC & Lorraine McCarthy. Cost: \$190, includes meals, private room with shared bathroom facilities. For bookings & enquiries: ☎ 0402 217123 E: lorraine613@bigpond.com

St Vincent de Paul Entertainment Books for 2015 / 2016. You can use the book immediately - gaining an extra two months usage - 18% increase of new attractions; also David Jones 10% off their gift cards. Interested Contact Pat Cowan ☎ 9886 3553 or leave your details at the Piety Stall. Books cost \$65, \$13 goes directly to St Christopher's St Vincent de Paul society.

Thanksgiving (Planned Giving) Program.

Those who have pledged contributions and have not kept up with their contributions, we urge you to do so. The parish relies entirely on these contributions to meet its expenses.

Parishioners, who are not on the program & wish to know more, please ☎ John Foley (9803 9945) or Tony Chong (8802 8522) or email us at finance@syndalcatholic.org.au

THE PARISH WISHES TO START A CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO SING ONCE A MONTH AT THE SAT 6.00 PM MASS. CONTACT CATHERINE ☎ 0413 684 286 OR EMAIL CATHCHONG016@GMAIL.COM

Revelation Bible Study Programme for Grade 6 to 9 students (12 to 15 year olds) only 8 one-hour sessions (30 min DVD + 30 min discussion). Once a month on Fridays 7.30pm OR fortnightly on Sundays 9.30am. Contact Catherine on ☎ 0413 684 286 or email: cathchong016@gmail.com



2nd UAC Formation Day, on Pentecost Sunday 9am - 3pm with parish mass at 10.30am. The Spirit who urges us on and Mary who accompanies us.

Obituary

Eternal rest grant unto: Marie Whitburn, a long term parishioner who died on 22nd April; Martha De Souza who died on 14th April and Carmel O'Shannassy who died recently. May They rest in peace.



ANZAC DAY 100TH ANNIVERSARY - LEST WE FORGET



The ANZAC Day Prayer

Remember O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

In that place of light from from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.